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we can do it rapidly. We will get it from the people who pay for everything, and that's the consumer. And the way to do that is with a sales tax. Now I advocated this and I regretted it immediately because Senator Wehrbein, the "Squire," the head of Appropriations had a heart attack and his desk was quivering and his chair was rocking back and forth because I have never advocated a tax increase before. And I wouldn't be doing it now except that if we have a problem, let's settle the problem. Let's not mess about with it for years and years and years. Now it has been said that, well, we have other states doing it. That's really a great reason to do something. There's a false tale that lemmings follow the leader until they rush off a cliff and drown in the sea. That doesn't happen to be true, but lemming-like is a well-known descriptive phrase, adjective. Let's be lemming-like. Minnesota is doing this? Oh my God, we can't be left behind. Let's be fashionable, let's do what Minnesota is doing. Let the farm labor Democratic party up there show us how to really do things on a businesslike basis. If Senator Schrock was here in the room, I would tell him that any further negotiations with him about going into business with him are off. You don't borrow prosperity. If we have a problem, and we do, let's treat the problem. Let's treat it quickly, let's treat it once and for all and go on to something else. I don't like increasing the sales tax because it's regressive, among other things, but it is capable of doing what we need to do. It is capable of raising a sufficient sum of money over one or two years, depending upon the increase that we would put in, to solve our problem and let us go on to other things.

SENATOR KREMER PRESIDING

SENATOR KREMER: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: I will give the balance of my time back to the Chair. Thank you. Oh, is it too late?

SENATOR KREMER: No, it's not too late.

SENATOR TYSON: I will give it to Senator Chambers. He probably wants to rail on what I had to say anyway.